



## The Funriser

Mar 31, 2025

Meetings 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays – Tandy YMCA, 51<sup>st</sup> and Yale

### “The Magic of Rotary”

#### Weekly meetings: Wed at 6:45 AM Tandy YMCA at 51<sup>st</sup> and Yale & Zoom

Zoom Meeting Specs:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89035476180?pwd=MLRGZFZ1RDZTUzR3VjBrcU42cC9Ddz09>

Or phone in: (346) 248-7799. **Either way**, Meeting ID: 890 3547 6180 Passcode: 359431

#### This Week's Speaker & Program

**Program: Housing Solutions**, Mark Smith, CEO  
RoD: Sheri Perry.

#### Future Programs

**Apr 9: Miller Hospice**, Tony McMillan. RoD: Rich Orvis

**Apr 16: Program TBA**. RoD: Megan Korn

**Apr 23: Challenge Air**, Alexis Higgins, CEO, Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust. RoD: Barbara Smallwood

#### BREAKING NEWS: SUNRISE 4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTESTANT MAKES FINAL 4!

You may recall that when Evan Gaines spoke to our club, his speech was extemporaneous. He is quite the orator, as with that speech he has progressed to the final competition at District Conference in a few weeks. He's the only one from Oklahoma. Cheer him on!

#### Speaker/Program Preview: Housing Solutions

Housing Solutions is the leader of the homeless response system for Tulsa County, an initiative known as [A Way Home for Tulsa](#). As the lead organization, we oversee and implement a comprehensive plan, supporting service providers in adopting proven strategies to help those in need. Together, we're building a supportive community where everyone has a place to call home. In addition to leading the CoC, we also provide direct assistance in the areas of eviction prevention, homeless street outreach, and criminal justice.

#### This week's RoD: Sheri Perry *from Dacdb*

I've been a Rotarian since 1996, when I joined the Vidalia Rotary Club in South GA where I lived from 1975 until 2000. Subsequently I've been a member of the Amarillo East Club and more recently the Northern Black Hills Club in Spearfish, SD. I've served in a number of offices, chaired committees, and was a member of the District 5610 Public Information Committee in SD for a couple of years. My husband Sam and I are both originally from Dalhart, TX. I'm a proud Texas Tech graduate and am now a retired CPA after working in public accounting in Vidalia and then Amarillo for 36 years, principally in tax compliance and estate planning. Last year Sam reluctantly retired after 6 seasons in his post-retirement career as a real-beard Santa Claus. I have two daughters - Kathleen Wise who is a pharmacist in Broken Arrow, and Carolyn Short, a counselor in Spearfish - and 2 sons-in-law named Mike. We also have 5 grandchildren, of whom 3 are in SD and 2 live here in Tulsa. (The oldest 3 have all attended RYLA.) In addition to my unflagging interest in all of them, I enjoy choral singing in two choirs at my church, volunteering with Good Samaritan Health Services, and reading about a wide variety of interesting topics. But one of my main pleasures has been visiting Sunrise Rotary meetings, ever since Kay Hays and Mike Bibby first invited me to a meeting in 2018, because the meetings and the members make it well worthwhile to get up early on Wednesdays!

#### Ongoing Monthly Events

- **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (tomorrow!): Club Board Meeting**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Foundation Board Meeting**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Jenks Food Bank.**

#### Other Upcoming Events

- **Apr 6** – Drillers ballgame outing. SignUp Genius will help you get there. Checks pay to Sunrise, give to Randy at check-in or to Reilly.

### From the Podium by Mike Bibby

- We had five Zoomers: Don Breadon (Tamara's father), Tim Holder, Rich Orvis, Clay Bartels and Jim Conner.
- Sad news – Reilly O'Hara is moving to the Dallas area. She has a new job there and will be nearer to her parents. (Editor note: Bobby needs a new Club Service Director for next year.
- Martha Lowe mentioned an opportunity to volunteer for Meals On Wheels – deliver dog food on weekends.
- Bill Bowen presented a PHF+1 pin to Megan Korn.
- We contributed an extra 7 pairs of shoes that did not make it to the PETS conference. Those will be donated to a homeless shelter.
- Jim Conner's daughter Jill has received her second double lung transplant in St Louis. The report is she is doing well.
- A vote was taken on the proposed slate of officers for 2025-2026. It was unanimous for approval.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> will be a club outing for the Drillers opening weekend. \$45 per person paid to Reilly or Randy at the meeting. We will be in reserved seating on the 1<sup>st</sup> base side and have food and drinks provided.
- We have a new 6'x3' banner for the club, thanks to the efforts of Mike Bibby
- District conference is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Rogers. Plan to attend and we will have car pooling over and back on Saturday.

### Last Week's Program by Mike Bibby

Our speaker was Mindy Tinor from Oklahoma Alliance For Animals. OAA is a Tulsa based 501c3 nonprofit collaborative organization established in 2004. OAA is dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation, encouraging responsible pet ownership and promoting the humane treatment of animals through community collaboration and education. They have four areas of emphasis.

First is FIGHTING CRUELTY. They take a stand against animal neglect, abuse, and cruelty. We support law enforcement, help pay for necropsies conducted by the state lab, and silently attend court proceedings wearing red "No Excuse For Abuse" T-shirts to show support for prosecutors and the law.

Second is FIX OK. OAA is committed to reducing the state's tragic and costly pet overpopulation crisis. In Oklahoma, tens of thousands of dogs and cats are euthanized every year simply because they are homeless.

Third is UNCHAINOK. Chaining a dog is the most common form of animal abuse. Unchain OK volunteers work to reduce the number of dogs subjected to living on chains by educating the owners and providing alternatives to chaining. Chaining a dog 24x7 is illegal.

Fourth is the TURLEY PET PROJECT. Turley, while in Tulsa County, is not within city limits so it receives

no assistance from the city or city animal welfare services. There is a large unmet need in Turley for animal assistance. The project distributes dry dog and cat food, as well as other supplies when they are available, twice a month to pet parents in need. Numerous low-cost spay and neuter procedures have also been scheduled for Turley pets through the program.

OAA's web site is [animalallianceOK.org](http://animalallianceOK.org) and their phone is 918-742-3700

### Pot of Gold

Last week Bill Lawson had the winning ticket but he could not find the joker, only the queen of spades. The Pot of Gold grows.

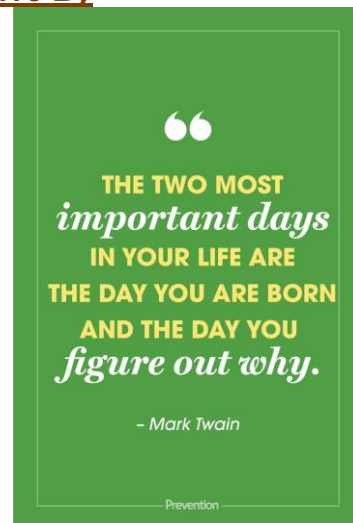
### Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

**Birthdays:** Herb Orr (4/5)

**Rotary anniversaries:** Carolyn McGhay (4/6, 20 yrs)

**Wedding anniversaries:** None.

### Words to Live By



### Keep Laughing

- What was Forrest Gump's email password? 1forrest1.
- What do you call a detective who accidentally solves the case? Sheer Luck Holmes.
- Dad is down at the car dealership, looking at potential choices. "Cargo space?" he asks. The salesman, slightly confused, finally replies, "Car no do that. Car go road."

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